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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, LE, IR

SUBJECT: ARMS FOR LEBANON

REF: TEHRAN 6827, STATE 143867 AND PREVIOUS

1. DOD HAS AGAIN LOOKED INTO QUESTION OF RESUPPLYING 155 MM HOWITZERS AND M-60 TANKS IRAN MIGHT PROVIDE TO LEBANON AND HAS CONCLUDED THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF COMPRESSING PREVIOUSLY STATED LEAD TIMES.

2. DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO ANY ASSISTANCE IRAN MIGHT BE ABLE OFFER LEBANON IN ACQUIRING MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO CREATE A SITUATION IN WHICH WE ARE SELLING ARMS TO IRAN FOR RE-EXPORT TO LEBANON, NOR DO WE SEE HOW SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT COULD BE TO LEBANON'S ADVANTAGE.

3. WE HAVE SUPPLIED LEBANESE WITH PRICE AND AVAILABILITY  
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DATA ON M60A1 TANKS AND ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING LEBANESE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER FOR 36 OF THESE TANKS. WE HAVE ALSO PROVIDED PRICE AND AVAILABILITY ON 155 MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZERS.

4. IN ADDITION, LETTERS OF OFFER HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO GOL FOR MAJORITY OF ITEMS - INCLUDING SKYHAWK AIRCRAFT - THEY REQUESTED FROM US AFTER MAY FIGHTING WITH FEDAYEEN.

NONE OF OUR OFFERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO DATE. RECENT REPORTING FROM BEIRUT, HOWEVER, INDICATES LEBANON MAY SOON BE PREPARED TO COMMIT SOME OF THEIR UNUSED FMS CREDITS FROM FY 72 AND 73, WITH SKYHAWK AIRCRAFT AND APC'S BEING PRIORITY ITEMS IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED. KISSINGER

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